

some growth that would help our tax issue. You know, one of the arguments is, and it is a valid argument, that one of the ways you improve state revenue is to encourage expansion, develop economic development in the state, and training funds seem to be a very high priority in those things that a state can do to attract expansion, and the Appropriations Committee, or LB 991 does have some criteria, at least, which would have to be met. But all those things considered, went into the thinking of the appropriation for that purpose. The Appropriations Committee used 1045 as a vehicle to make the transfer. I don't expect that money to be spent unless, in fact, there is an opportunity for something unusual to come into the state and, in those cases, then we are sitting there ready to go. But I would, and I know we've done it in the past, but I would...I always regretted, at least, when we began to transfer funds from those...money from those funds in order to fund some program specifically,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...a program that had been unfunded. It ought to generally be retained for easing out those highs and lows in a budget cycle, particularly when we are in a shortcoming, and if we start the concept of funding new programs because there is money in that reserve, it's purpose will in very short order be defeated, and, in fact, will not exist. So I'd urge the body to vote down the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I don't rise in support or neither am I going to speak against the Beutler amendment. You will have to figure out, I guess, if this is a good amendment or not. What I did want to say, though, is that this is probably not going to be the last opportunity that you are going to have to discuss this issue of how we fund the campaign finance reform act. You are probably going to get that opportunity again if 10003 or LB 1003 comes to the floor next week. I would just like to urge you to begin thinking about it because if you do not choose any of the options that either Senator Beutler or myself or any other senator on this floor puts before you this year, you know, it's probably a good idea to then consider doing away with the policy that we put in place a couple of years ago. Because, without adequate funding, we can't, we can't actually give candidates